

- f. The CAC shall be responsible for determining its own rules of order, bylaws, chairmanship, attendance requirements, and other matters of protocol.
- 3. Meetings.
  - a. The CAC shall meet at least two times each year, or more frequently if deemed appropriate or upon request by the Policy Board or the Program Director.
  - b. Federal, state, and local agencies with environmental management responsibilities in the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed are invited to participate in meetings of the CAC.
  - c. All meetings shall be open to the public and noticed in accordance with North Carolina's open meeting laws.

**B. Science and Technical Advisory Committee.**

- 1. Membership.
  - a. The Science and Technical Advisory Committee (STAC) will be broad-based and should include scientists and researchers from local colleges, universities, and research institutions, as well as technical staff from federal, state, and local agencies, industry, and environmental organizations.
  - b. All members will be expected to have an advanced degree (Master's or above) and/or extensive experience (at least 6 years) with expertise in scientific and technical fields germane to the mission of the APNEP.
  - c. The Director of the Albemarle-Pamlico National Estuary Program Office shall nominate the initial STAC membership to be approved by the Policy Board. In making his nominations, the Director shall, to the greatest extent possible, seek to ensure broad-based science and technical representation for research, monitoring, and resource management issues germane to the Albemarle-Pamlico watershed.
  - d. Members should have expertise in science and technology relevant to environment and natural resources management, including but not limited to: landscape ecology, terrestrial ecology, wetlands ecology, submerged aquatic ecology, marine biology, hydrology, remote sensing, ecological assessment, engineering, agricultural technologies, forest technologies, soil conservation, water quality modeling, environmental policy, economics, public policy, planning, spatial statistics, and law.
  - e. Each member shall serve a three-year term, renewable once consecutively. The membership will have staggered appointments so that one-third of the membership can be reappointed each year.
  - f. Vacancies shall be filled by appointment or invitation from the remaining committee members as set forth in the committee's bylaws.
- 2. Duties.
  - a. The STAC shall be responsible for recommending research and monitoring activities and needs related to CCMP implementation or advancement to the Policy Board and the Program Office.
  - b. The STAC shall advise and consult with the Policy Board, the public, and various interest groups, as well as local, state, and federal governments within program boundaries on scientific and technical issues affecting